

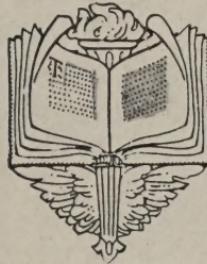
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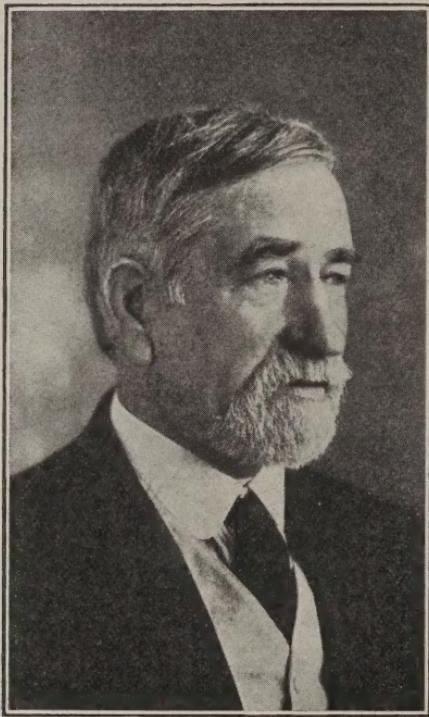
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The above picture of the late John M. Bonebrake, of Veedersburg, Indiana, represents him as he was at the time of his death. It is in his honor and of his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Bonebrake that the first endowed chair of Indiana Central is named.

The President's Letter

The importance of the financial interests of Indiana Central University is our sufficient excuse for devoting most of the space of this Bulletin to a presentation of money matters. We hope our friends will read this number with great care. There is much in it to give us courage and good cheer. The school is gradually getting in better financial condition. We are making some headway, and we are correspondingly happy. Not only are the assets growing but the support of the church is becoming steadier and more general. There is a rising tide of confidence and good will. During the past two years the gifts of every sort to the school—cash, real estate, pledges, death notes and the like aggregate about \$100,000, and the college has today gross assets valued at approximately \$180,000. It is true there are some of the assets hard to estimate owing to their contingent character. We refer to certain wills and notes, but as a liberal discount of all pledges was made in the estimate above the essential situation is as just stated. There must ever be present the saving grace of common sense in estimating the assets of any going concern, and this college is like every young school—and for all of that it is like many an older school—it needs to have its assets in a more productive form. Time is a factor to be reckoned with. The school is only a little over six years old, and our assets are all newly gathered. Despite the youth of the school, however, the growth in productive endowment is very encouraging. Our treasurer reports \$24,600 of productive endowment at this time. In addition there are safely \$30,000 of pledges for said purpose which are not yet productive. There is therefore reason for saying we are in sight of a \$50,000 productive permanent endowment fund. The growth in pledges for current expenses, the increase in our real estate holdings other than our campus, the provision for our new girls dormitory, the substantial improvements and betterments already made together with the definite assessments of each of the three conferences by the some authority by which all other church assessments are made all bespeak a better financial condition, and days of greater financial certainty. But our friends must not think of deserting us because conditions are somewhat improved. There must be neither delay or surrender. The danger point is not passed. We must keep on until our assets are greatly augmented. A novice might be tempted to stop when our productive endowment reaches \$100,000, but experiences at once disastrous and limitable with several previous attempts at college-building in our denominational history, point out to us the only safe pathway before us. We must keep right on until the school is beyond the point of real danger, and we venture

the remark, after a careful study of existing conditions and a survey of the local Indiana educational possibilities, that the church owning and controlling this particular school should press on with redoubled energy for a goal of not less than \$200,000 of productive endowment exclusive of all other assets. Less will not be sufficient. The management congratulates the church over the financial growth of the school and rejoices at the omens of impending success.

A hard pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether for such a period of time as may be necessary should be the aim and the labor of all of us.

L. D. BONEBRAKE, President.

“The John M. and Mary E. Bonebrake Chair”

By reason of the settlement recently made with Mrs. Mary E. Bonebrake, administratrix of the estate of John M. Bonebrake, late of Veedersburg, Fountain County, Indiana, the college now has one endowed professorship. It is a very significant fact that the first endowed chair of Indiana Central University is for “the teaching of the history, the literature and principles of the Bible,” and that it comes as a gift from a gentleman and his faithful wife, who have left for themselves and their family a great monument by reason of their many benefactions. When it is recalled that the Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, bears their family name as the result of the princely gift of 3840 acres of good land to said school; that there are many local churches which have received their benefactions as well as other church interests, and now this college, for which they have so often prayed, is the possessor of this large additional gift, it would seem that their names ought not soon to be forgotten, and their memory would be gratefully enshrined in the hearts of the denomination. The whole church has been made richer by their loving sacrifices, and the kingdom extended by their common labors. Our prayer is that others may be found to emulate their example. Will not some gentle soul who reads these words make the resolution to follow the example? There are other professorships which ought to be endowed, and we call attention to them. We rejoice over this first endowed chair which so signally emphasizes the orthodox Christian Character of this splendid young institution of learning, and we rejoice that it directly contributes to one of the most vital needs of our churches in Indiana. There are other professorships such as Philosophy, Mathematics, History, Literature, Languages, and the like awaiting recognition from those financially able. It takes \$20,000 to fully endow a professorship. By the action of the Executive Committee agreeable to the expressed wish of Mr. Bonebrake the professorship now endowed is named “The John M. and Mary E. Bonebrake Chair.”

"ALL TOGETHER."

If a man were going to raise a very large building he would not put a single large jack-screw under the center and depend upon it alone. Rather he would put many small jack-screws under the building and scatter them where needed, whether at center or under the sides. Then when ready he would give the order of "all together." Exactly so in accomplishing the up-lift of the world. In every organized church we expect to find everybody at work. There is the preaching service, the song service, the sunday school service, the prayer service, the young peoples' service—all of them important, all having their work to do in the evengelization of a community and the spread of the kingdom. Here and there one meets a man who has no vision of the coming of the Kingdom. His only view is his own neighborhood church, he does not look over into the next county where his brother dwells. He does not understand the meaning of missions or education. Such a man needs to have his eyes opened, his sympathies enlarged, his imagination quickened.

The church needs many energizing forces, and many points of contract. It needs trained men who whether evangelists, or class-leaders, or sunday-school teachers, or musicians, or acting merely in their own private capacity as voters and citizens, will be found ever ready to do their full part in bringing about the evangalization of the world. Conspicuous among all the many forces at work is the Christian College, and it has a long and honorable record.

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THE RICH VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP.

For persons of moderate means who wish to leave a monument of love dedicated to those gone before, or in honor of themselves, or for churches or circuits which wish to provide free tuition for their own young people, the college has arranged to supply permanent free scholarships. The sum of \$1,000, given to the school will provide permanently for the free instruction of one young person. Some time since the Rich Valley Class of the St. Joseph Conference, under the suggestions and with the co-operation of Rev. I. S. Cleaver, the pastor, raised \$1,000 for a perpetual free scholarship for said church, and the church is already reaping some of the benefits. The theory of the gift is very simple. The college accepts the money and the interest derived therefrom pays the tuition of one student. There are hundreds of young people who would like to go to school if the tuition were provided. We have applications all the time, and we regret we can do little for many such. We wish we had a hundred such scholarships to give to worthy young persons who, do the best they can, are apt to feel pinch of shortness of funds. Frequently they can arrange for board and room-rent, but they have difficulty in paying their tuition. Are there not other pastors who will emulate the example of Brother Cleaver and

talk the matter up among the members of the local church and send for a representative of I. C. U. to come and explain the *modus operandi* and assist in raising the necessary funds? A half-dozen men at one hundred dollars apiece, supplemented by some smaller gifts will easily reach the result aimed at. The Board of Trustees wish to express their thanks to our friends at Rich Valley for their splendid gift to the college. Such gifts bring school and church into sympathetic relations.

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THE ART OF ARTS.

The art of all arts is the art of living. Music has to do with sound; sculpture with form; literature with phrase and rythm; and painting with color. But thrice happy is the man who attuned to the melodies of sound and of form and phrase and color, lives gently, loves devotedly, worships fervently and who so manages to demean himself that he gets out of life all there is in it and gives great joy as he passes along. There are so many delightful associations around a Christian College, so many joys, such tender memories, such wonderful experiences such forces for development and culture, that such a school commends itself to the good judgment of men. Here young men learn to know accurately, to think clearly and feel deeply. Here they learn to worship at the shrine of truth and get sermons out of stars and trees and running brooks. To quote Shakespeare:

"And this our life, exempt from public haunts,
Finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

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CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1912,

Each of the three annual conferences, viz. the White River, the Indiana, and the St. Joseph, passed resolutions at their recent sessions levying on all the charges within their confines assessments for the current year of an average of twenty-cents per member. If our pastors would at once collect these amounts and forward them to the college, they would be doing our treasurer a great favor. By reference to the conference minutes each pastor will easily discover what is due the institution. In the Indiana Conference the table is all figured out; in the other two conferences it will be a matter of calculation. The current expenses of the school are going on all the time and we like to pay our bills as we go. To get credit and keep it, requires cash, and we are setting great store this year upon receiving the church assessments in full from every charge. The prompt receipt of all of the assessments early in the year will be appreciated by the management of the institution.

"BY THEIR FRUITS."

There are many ways for our students to help the school. To say good words about us, to write your friends and your parents to go back to your home church and tell the Y. P. S. C. E. of the beautiful spirit of I. C. U.—these and other opportunities will present themselves. An official of this school recently overheard a conversation on a trolley-car in which very pleasant things were being said about the merits of the work done by a certain college. In course of the conversation it developed that it was our own college, when becoming acquainted with the persons who had been conversing said official learned to his surprise that they had neither one ever so much as visited the institution but were judging the merits of the same by the character of the product turned out. There are many good things to be said about our college but nothing can compare with the actual "fruits" of training and culture lived in the lives of our own students.

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NEW DOMITORY FOR GIRLS.

The friends of I. C. U. will rejoice to hear that the ground will soon be broken for the erection of a beautiful new dormitory for the young ladies. The proposed building is to be erected this coming year and it is hoped that it may be dedicated at the time of the White River Conference and be ready for occupancy when college opens in September 1912. There will be accommodations for sixty persons. The walls of the structure will be brick and the building will be constructed practically of fire-proof material. There will be the full quota of rooms usually found in the best structures of the kind—dining rooms, kitchen, laundry, reception rooms, bath rooms, sewing room, porches, single and double rooms for girls, electric lights, steam heat and other conveniences.

The funds whereby the college is able to provide the grounds and construct the building are practically provided by the generosity of a number of people, but chiefly by Mr. James M. Hamilton a tried and true friend of the school who because of a gift of \$10,000 to this enterprise is to be honored by having the building bear his name. The dormitory is to be called "Hamilton Hall." A more extended notice will be given in a subsequent Bulletin.

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DEFERRED GIFTS.

Indiana Central University, in common with other educational institutions of the Church, is in constant need of ready money with which to defray its current expenses and provide for betterments. The public expects every such school to pay current bills with a fair degree of promptness. It is also expected to keep abreast of the times with new equipment, and to provide current

literature, new books for the library, and in general show an appreciable degree of improvement from time to time. All this concerns the prompt receipt of current expense money from the constituency of the School, without which little can be done. But there is another very important work to be done. Every school must grow, it must go forward, there must be expansion. There are new buildings to be provided, new facilities to be provided, and new endowments. There is an ever-expanding course of study, an ever-increasing corps of instructors. Not to increase and enlarge is practically to go back, according to popular conceptions. There must be a constant reaching forth for new permanent assets. One of the recognized forms for augmenting the assets of such a school is by what may be styled deferred gifts. There are men who for one cause or another do not find it convenient to transmit their gifts in cash at once, but who inspired by generous motives feel they wish to have a hand in the up-building of such an institution. There are many such, and they are in the end a most important factor in bringing about the growth and up-building of the school. Our plans for all such are carefully worked out, and we have no hesitancy of recommending them. We have followed the advice of able attorneys, have conferred with men who have made a success in finance, and where it seemed wise we have imitated the plans of some of the older universities.

The result commends itself to the judgment of donors, and there need be no fear in following our suggestions. Roughly speaking the usual forms of deferred gifts may be grouped under one of the following five heads,

- I. Notes payable after Death.
- II. Real estate transfers effective after Death.
- III. Wills and Bequests.
- IV. Annuities.
- V. Life Insurance Policies.

No attempt to describe them in detail will be made at this time. They all have excellent features. There are different circumstances in different homes. We are receiving gifts of each kind, and we will be glad to confer with those who have their thoughts turned this way. The President, the Treasurer or some representative of the university will be able to give suggestions, and we invite our friends to advise us of prospective or possible donors.

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A WORD TO MINISTERS.

The ministers of the three co-operating conferences can do a wonderful thing for their young people by pressing upon them the necessity of making a broad and liberal preparation for life. Sermons on educational themes, special programme with higher Christian education as the dominant note, personal visits in homes calling attention to our college opportunities, and similar offices of love and good cheer will help turn many of our young

friends this way. The church cannot afford to lose its brainiest young men by allowing them to go to the schools of other denominations or of no denomination. We need them in our pulpits and in our pews. The President of I. C. U. and the members of the Faculty will gladly co-operate in any way within their power to help foster right sentiments and encourage college attendance. Sometimes an offer of the pastor to accompany the timid student to college and see him safely housed and properly introduced will help make decisions possible. We greatly appreciate the work our brethren are doing but beg to remind them there is plenty yet to be done.

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SELF-DISCOVERY.

Among the joys derived in going to college not the least is the joy of doing. To test one's powers in the class-room, in the music recital, in the art exhibit, in the laboratory, in the college literary society, in college athletics, and thus come to a conscious knowledge of one's talents in comparison with the talent possessed by others, is not an insignificant part of the preparation for the subsequent activities of life. There is joy in original research; and there is joy in service. For the first time in his life the young man prays in public in the college prayer meeting, or perchance he leads the meeting itself. For the first time he directs the choir, or the orchestra. For the first time he presides over a deliberative assembly, or speaks extemporaneously in debate. For the first time he manages or edits a college paper, or devotes a general program or superintends a Sunday School, or tries to preach or teach. There are many ways of finding one's self. It all means training and preparation and self-discovery. It also means the up-building of character and the acquiring of the power of the initiative. The old educational maxim. "We learn to do by doing", applies with unusual force to the young man away from home among his fellows and surrounded by college opportunities. Blessed is that man who early in life finds himself, his powers and his limitations.

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A CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS.

The college authorities have from time to time appealed to the Church for funds to carry on their work. The chief efforts during the short history of the school are popularly named, "Kephart Memorial Fund," "Temporary Endowment Fund," "Three Year Plan," and the "Dormitory Fund." The campaign is now on for the largest and most important work ever undertaken by the institution. We are anxious to secure, say by January 1, 1914, or at some other day or date to be agreed upon, sufficient money and pledges to bring the available endowment of the college up to \$200,000 besides paying all indebtedness and making a substantial gain in property and equipment. We

are anxious to find some generous large-minded friend who will challenge the church by proposing to give to the college a gift of \$50,000 conditioned upon the church raising a hundred thousand outside of his gift. It is possible two friends might go together and make such a challenge. Our greatest philanthropists often make conditional gifts, based upon the principle above suggested. We are persuaded there are not a few men in the church who can give amounts ranging from one thousand to fifty thousand. We feel the day is at hand when we must undertake big things. There is need of a large vision. Our men of means are demanding that something strong and effective shall be done. We are not despising the day of small things but to put this college once and for all time upon its feet is a work of such ample proportions as to appeal to the business sagacity of our best financiers of the church.

The lot owners who in the beginning made the school possible, the faithful friends who have contributed to bring it to its present condition and keep it going, the faithful members of the Faculty who have sacrificed all these years, the long list of well-wishers whether of the church or not, and all other donors and patrons of every sort and kind will welcome new friends in accomplishing this undertaking of putting the college in the class to which its merits justly assign it.

Let the church through its giving once settle the ever recurring question of the absolute certainty and solidity of this enterprise, let the church once and for all loyally and prayerfully and genuinely get under the load, and there will come such blessings to the denomination through this splendid growing university as were never dreamed of by the most optimistic of the denomination. There will come trained ministers of the gospel, trained teachers, trained leaders of every kind. There will come missionaries and evangelists and sweet singers. There will come sunday school teachers and class-leaders, and reformers, and christian workers of every sort and kind ready for the Master's service. The university will help unify our ideals, broaden our plans, and stimulate our endeavors as a denomination. Its training will give the church editors of church papers, bishops and general officers. The denomination will grow and society be made better. The conclusion is very manifest. As members of the church, as well-wishers of our fellow men, as patriots of a great republic we should do all within our power to further this great enterprise.

The future of the United Brethren Church in Indiana is indissolubly associated and indentified with the up-building of our school at Indianapolis. To raise \$200,000 and pay the expenses of the canvass means an average gift of five dollars per member for one year. Surely this is no great burden: where there is a will there is a way. It can be done, it ought to be done, it must be done. Why not now as well as later? It is no time for shirking or holding back. The times are good, crops are good, prices good, labor well employed. The appeal

is made to every man to do for the school the largest thing he can. This Christian College must be put upon a sound financial basis, and it requires \$200,000 to accomplish the task; less will not sufficiently endow or compass its reasonable needs.

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OUR ANNUITY PLAN.

There are persons who would like to give their money to the church but who feel they must have the income arising from their property while they live. To accommodate such persons Indiana Central University with its increasing assets and the pledged faith of three great conferences behind it, offers a very attractive proposition. The arrangements for paying annuities are well worked out and are commercially sound and the income sure and regular. We invite correspondence and personal interviews



I. C. U. News Notes

Forward and upward.

A greater I. C. U. is in sight. The new dormitory will soon be erected.

Have you arranged to go to I. C. U. next term? Bring a friend with you.

Are you standing up for your own denominational college? Every denomination must have "church trained men for church positions."

The White River Branch of the Young Peoples' Societies at the recent Terre Haute meeting inaugurated an effort to raise a thousand dollar scholarship for the preparation of persons for special Christian work. Would it not be a good plan for the other two conferences to do likewise?

The effort to bring the permanent endowment of I. C. U. up to 200,000 is now on. Like it was in the days of Nelson, I. C. U. "expects every man this day to do his duty." There is no room for laggards.

This college needs many friends who will give liberally to the permanent endowment funds. Is there any greater work? Where can money be so well placed as in the church? Of all the church enterprises where is there one having such far-reaching consequences, touching so many vital concerns of human endeavor, as the christian university? From it come the leaders of the future.

This college needs 1000 men who will send in their checks or pledges for \$100 each. Are there not that number who will respond at once? This would make an aggregate of \$100,000, which out at interest would bring \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year for the maintenance of the college. Blank pledges furnished upon application.

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This college needs one man who will give the Indiana churches a challenge by donating to I. C. U. the princely gift of \$50,000. Is there not such a friend of the school some where? The cause is meritorious, and God requires something of his faithful stewards.

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Suppose every minister of the co-operating churches would pledge himself the consummate joy of securing one or two new students for I. C. U. each year, how long would it be before this school enrolled one thousand students?

What a wonderful growth this denomination would take on! What reflex influences in the local churches! Will not all the brethren try it?

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University Heights is pretty definitely allied to the United Brethren Church. Even its streets are named in honor of the highest dignitaries of the church. Such names as Weaver, Bowman, Otterbein, Mathews, Kephart, Russell, Castle, Edwards, Mills, Markwood and Lawrence are permanently identified with the life of the community and the definitions and boundaries of property. The founders of the school and the village took no chances on identifying the denomination by the loyalty of whose membership the school was made possible and to whose generosity the appeal was to be made for further growth.

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Myrtle L. Taylor, director of the School of Art of this institution, was recently given the distinguished honor of having an entire number of the Keramic Studio published at Syracuse, N. Y. devoted to the work done by her pupils. Such recognition of the work offered in I. C. U. reflects credit upon the college and we take a justifiable pride in her splendid attainments.

The marked growth of the I. C. U. School of Music during the past three years reflects honor upon the services and organizing capacity of Miss Ivy May Smith, the dean of the school. Our patrons will do well to remember that the School offers courses in piano, voice, violin, banjo, guitar, and mandolin, all taught by teachers trained and qualified for their especial departments. We wish fifty more students in the School of Music of I. C. U. at once.

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The beautiful programme clock which the students recently presented to the college is a faithful reminder every hour of every day of the loving appreciation our students have for their *Alma Mater*.

When it is recalled that our young friends out of their meager purses have presented to the School this token of their love, it should inspire others with purses more plethoric to contribute in ways even more substantial toward the up-building of the school. The gift of our young friends is much appreciated.

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The recent success of Depaw University in raising \$441,000 whereby the university will receive the gift of \$100,000 tendered to it by the General Education Board, ought to spur our own church to greater zeal in our effort to secure an endowment of \$200,000. The Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Indiana is not financially poor. It has plenty of means for all its denominational purposes if good intentions were only translated into concrete gifts of money to the institutions of the church. And it hardly need be reiterated that the up-building of the college here at the State Capital is rightfully one of the very great concerns of the denomination. There is no reason why this school should not also when its assets are sufficient, apply to the General Education Board for substantial gifts.

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This school was founded by men of prayer. Imploring Almighty God to bless its teachers and make them worthy and efficient, and invoking the choicest benedictions upon the students and the homes they represent, the pastors and churches they serve are daily practices in and around the college. We are

always glad to learn that our friends are praying for us and we appreciate their kindly sympathy. When pastors pray in public for the spread of the kingdom we suggest also that they remember the precious young men and young women who at college are preparing for future leadership in the church. Separated from their home life and free to exercise their own volitions, college students often need the kindly offices of the family altar and the prayer circle.

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Recently a gentleman who had not visited University Heights for sometime had his curiosity aroused as to the number of houses within easy walking distance of the college, and he counted as best he could the homes of the community. He reported over one hundred houses. When it is recalled that the college first opened its doors for the reception of students in the fall of 1905, it will be readily seen that the development in and around the college is quite marked. The splendid character of the homes, the excellent lives of the people who reside near the college, the freedom from places of low resort, from saloons, and the very spirit of the place, are not to be over looked by parents choosing where to send their sons and daughters to college.



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